**IN THE CLAIMS**

1. (currently amended) A composition comprising:

~~one or a plurality of species of an~~at least one organic polymer compound having biodegradability, a flame retardant additive, and a hydrolysis inhibitor for the organic polymer compound having biodegradability wherein the flame retardant additive is at least one compound selected from the group consisting of a hydroxide compound, a phosphorus compound, and a silica compound.

2. (currently amended) The composition according to Claim 1, characterized in that:

the organic polymer compound having biodegradability is ~~either~~ selected from the group consisting of a polysaccharide, an aliphatic polyester, a polyamino acid, polyvinyl alcohol, a polyalkalene glycol, or a copolymer comprising at least one of the compounds.

3. (currently amended) The composition according to Claim 2, characterized in that:

the aliphatic polyester is ~~either~~ selected from the group consisting of polylactic acid, polycaprolactone, polyhydroxybutyric acid, polyhydroxyvaleric acid, polyethylene succinate, polybutylene succinate, polybutylene adipate, polymalic acid, a microbiologically synthesized polyester, or a copolymer comprising at least one of the compounds.

4. (cancelled)

5. (currently amended) The composition according to Claim 1, characterized in that:

the flame retardant additive ~~is~~ comprises the hydroxide compound having a purity of at least 99.5% ~~or more~~.

6. (currently amended) The composition according to Claim 1, characterized in that:

the flame retardant additive ~~is~~ comprises a particulate hydroxide compound having a BET specific surface area of up to 5.0 $m^2/g$ ~~or less~~.

7. (currently amended) The composition according to Claim 1, characterized in that:

the flame retardant additive ~~is~~ comprises a particulate hydroxide compound having an average particle size of up to 100 μm ~~or less~~.

8. (currently amended) The composition according to Claim 1, characterized in that:

the flame retardant additive ~~is~~ comprises the silica compound having a silicon dioxide content of at least 50% ~~or more~~.

9. (currently amended) The composition according to Claim 1, characterized in that:

the flame retardant additive ~~is~~ comprises a particulate silica compound having an average particle size of up to 50 μm ~~or less~~.

10. (currently amended) The composition according to Claim 1, characterized in that:

the hydrolysis inhibitor ~~is~~ comprises at least one species of a compound selected from the group consisting of a

carbodiimide compound, an isocyanate compound, and an oxazoline compound.

11. (currently amended) A method for producing a composition ~~characterized by~~comprising mixing at least one ~~or more species of an~~ organic polymer compound having biodegradability, with a flame additive, and a hydrolysis inhibitor for the organic polymer compound having biodegradability wherein the flame retardant additive ~~is~~ comprises at least one compound selected from the group consisting of a hydroxide compound, a phosphorus compound, and a silica compound.

12. (currently amended) A shaped article ~~comprised of~~comprising a composition of at least one ~~or a plurality of species of an~~ organic polymer compound having biodegradability, a flame retardant additive, and a hydrolysis inhibitor for the organic polymer compound having biodegradability.

13. (currently amended) The shaped article according to Claim 12, characterized in that:

the shaped article ~~is~~ comprises a housing for electrical appliance.

14. (canceled)

15. (currently amended) The composition according to claim 1, characterized in that: said flame retardant additive comprises the hydroxide compound which ~~an amount of the hydroxide compound~~ is present in an amount of 10 to 40% by weight.

16. (currently amended) The composition according to claim 1, characterized in that: said flame retardant additive comprises the phosphorus compound which ~~an amount of the phosphorus compound~~ is present in an amount of 3 to 15% by weight.

17. (currently amended) The composition according to claim 1, characterized in that: said flame retardant additive comprises the silica compound which ~~an amount of the silica compound~~ is present in an amount of 15 to 30% by weight.

18. (new) The composition according to claim 1, wherein said composition at least meets UL-94HB standards.

19. (new) The composition according to claim 1 wherein said composition at least meets UL-94VO standards.